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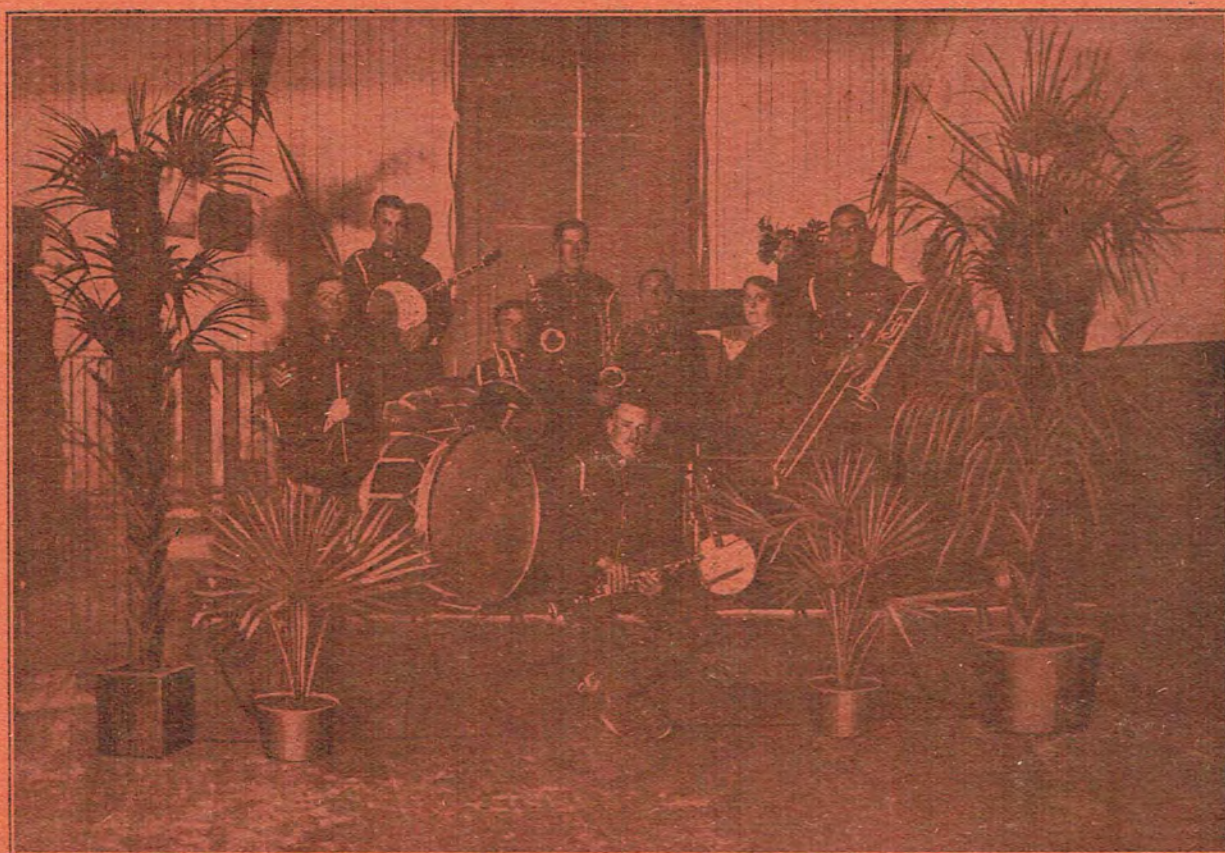
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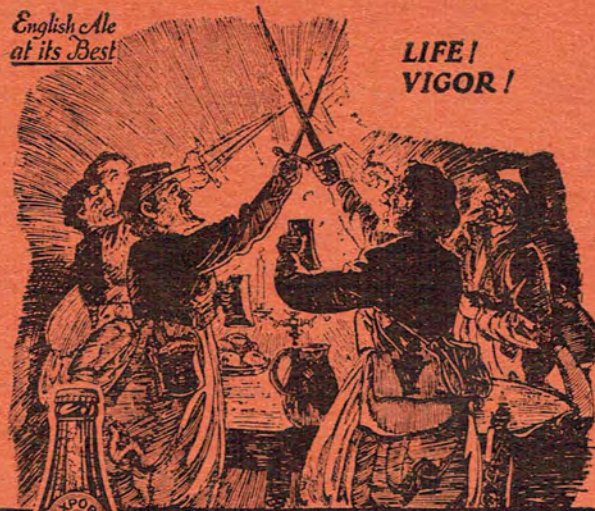
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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

At this season of the year one usually makes a firm resolution to do those things we ought to do, or to abstain from doing those things one ought not to do. While thanking all our readers for the loyal support accorded us in the past we take this opportunity to request all past and present members of the Regiment to number among their resolutions, one in which they promise to take a more living interest in The Goat during the coming year.

Outlining the aim and object of our existence in our initial number, we stated, that we wished to cement friendships established during the war by keeping all past and present members of the Regiment in contact. Have we succeeded in doing this? To a certain extent we have, but we can accomplish still more.

We would ask all Old Comrades to send us news about themselves or any of our friends. To them it may be, perhaps, stale news, but to us it is always new and very interesting, recalling as it invariably does, pleasant memories of bygone days.

Present members of the Regiment can help by sending in more "copy" than they have been in the habit of doing hitherto. What occasioned all the laughter in the canteen on Dec. 24th? What was that joke which doubled everyone in the 2nd Troop Barrack Room? Don't say, "Gee, that's good enough for 'The Goat,'" put it on paper and send it to "The Goat" office.

We want our paper to be the work of the Regiment, for the Regiment, and not the result of individual effort. We want every number of our paper to be eagerly looked forward to; to be read avidly, and laid down with the regret one experiences after read-

ing something really worth while. And this is not an impossible ambition. We can accomplish this quite easily but only with the hearty co-operation of all past and present members of the Regiment, and their friends.

We are in receipt of many praise worthy comments regarding "A Little Bit of Memory" the first instalment of which appeared in our December number. The Author, for various reasons, wishes to remain anonymous.

After reading the first number of the "Connecting-File," which is published by The Royal Canadian Regiment, with Headquarters at London, Ont., we hasten to congratulate all concerned for the able manner in which they have entered the field of journalism. Although this is the first appearance as a printed publication, the Connecting File has been running for over two years in memograph form.

We are publishing the first instalment of "Notes taken from the War Diary of the Royal Canadian Dragoons," by an officer of the Regiment. The article, while being of necessity, rather superficial, covers the doings of the Regiment Overseas. We feel sure that many Old Comrades will wax reminiscent after perusing this article.

This month's cover illustration is a photograph of the Barrack Orchestra. Great credit is due to every member for the exceptionally good music provided by them whenever called upon. When we consider that eighteen months ago, these men knew very little about music, their progress is all the more remarkable. Mrs. Swarbrick, pianist, who has coached the Orchestra, is indeed to be congratulated.

Personal & Regimental

Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell (I.C.) R.C.D. and Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle (I.C.) R.C.D., have left for Toronto on a three months' course.

Several of the members of "A" Sqn. who spent their Christmas pass in Montreal, were the guests of "D" Coy. The Royal Canadian Regiment, at their Christmas dinner.

Major W. J. Morgan, R.C.A.V.C. spent Christmas at his home in Kingston, Ont.

Capt. N. M. Halkett, M.C., R.C.A.M.C., spent Christmas in Ottawa the guest of his mother, Mrs. Halkett.

50% of the strength of the Station were granted pass over Christmas, and the remainder for New Year's.

Major George Wheler, late 21st (Empress of India's) Lancers, visited the Station and had lunch on Jan. 4th. Major Wheler stated that once on the Somme in 1917 he had the pleasure of being relieved by "A" Sqn. He also gave us news of the doings of many of our old friends in the Cavalry Corps.

Capt. M. Drury spent two weeks leave at Christmas time, at his home in Sherbrooke.

Troopers Durnford, Desnoyers, McKerral and Gordon have been appointed Lance Corporals.

Major W. J. Morgan, R.C.A.V.C. and Capt. M. Drury, R.C.D., representing the Officers of this Station, visited the Messes of the various units in Montreal on New Year's Day.

Congratulations to Tpr. and Mrs. Clarke on the arrival of a small son.

All the Messes received Christmas and New Year's cards far too numerous to mention, amongst them were cards from many regiments both from Canada, and from our war time associates in the British Cavalry, also from many Old Comrades and friends. The Station Sgts. Mess, Cavalry Barracks, received a card from H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, which was personally autographed.

Cpl. E. Potvin and L/Cpl. E. Robichaud, of The Royal 22nd Regiment, are attached to the Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, taking a special course in transport work.

Tpr. W. K. MacDonald, who has been taking a special course with the Survey Section of the Royal Canadian Engineers, for the past nine months, has been transferred to that branch of the Service. Tpr. MacDonald visited barracks during the Christmas season to bid his old

friends good-bye. We wish him every success.

Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., is conducting a six weeks' Provisional School of Instruction at Peterborough, Ont.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT THE CAVALRY BARRACKS.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 21st, Santa Claus paid his visit to Barracks, and dropped into the Officers' Mess, during the annual party for the children and their parents. Upwards of 70 children and their parents assembled in the anterooms, and when word was passed round that Santa had arrived, the mess room was thrown open and a huge tree laden with presents, and good things to eat, was revealed. Good old Santa Claus had a present and a cheery word for each child and only regretted that he could not make a longer stay, but he had to hurry away to meet the kiddies at Stanley Barracks. Afternoon tea was served to the grown ups, and an abundance of cakes, ice cream, candy, etc., supplied for the children. Few institutions can boast of possessing a more healthy, and well behaved, collection of children, and it was a pretty sight to see them dancing, and playing around, with their gay Christmas caps on their heads. The Barrack Orchestra was in attendance and rendered suitable music, and one of the features of the afternoon was Johnny Barraclough with his violin, making his first appearance with the Orchestra; he was a credit to himself, and the envy of all the other boys.

On Christmas eve the Officers and their wives dined in the Officers' Mess. The Mess was tastefully decorated, and a scrumptious repast provided. During the evening a deputation from the "Potters Ball" dropped in to express the good wishes of the Squadron.

Dinner for the N.C.O's and Men's Mess was served on Christmas Day in the Gym. which was tastefully decorated. The tables groaned under the weight of those edibles, associated by traditional custom with Yuletide.

The W.O's., Staff Sgts. and Sgts. acted as waiters, and a number of men, taking advantage of this fact, took quite delight in keeping the waiters right on the job. Pete Merrix made a deft and graceful waiter. On one occasion he fell over the piano and dumped some Christmas pudding down a diner's neck, but it is such little

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New Year's Resolutions.

accidents as these that go to make this season a merry one.

Major Bowie and Officers visited the Gym. during the dinner, and were accorded a spontaneously cordial reception. Addressing the members of the N.C.O.'s and Men's Mess, the C.O. in a few brief remarks wished them the compliments of the season, and then with the assistance of the Squadron Officers, "downed a glass" to the health of the Mess. The men, glad of any excuse for another drink, reciprocated.

Sgt. Hannaghan and his assistants, are to be congratulated on the excellence of the dinner, which was splendidly cooked, well served and most plentiful.

On New Year's Day a dinner similar to that of Christmas Day was served in the Gym for members of the N.C.O.'s and Men's Mess. In the absence of Sgt. Hannaghan, Tpr. "Dave" Gardener acted as Chief Cook, and provided a dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Gym was visited by the members of the Sgts. Mess and an impromptu concert organized, which continued up to the late evening.

The members of the Station Sgts. Mess were at home on New Year's Day, and were visited by Major Bowie, Major Stethem, Capt. Grant, and Mr. Hammond, some Honorary Members and a number of friends from St. Johns. Refreshments were served and community singing indulged in.

In a few well chosen words Q.M.S.I. Dowdell proposed the health of the Officers of "A" Sqn. R.C.D., and all present sang "For

They are Jolly Good Fellows" with great eclat.

Replying, Major Bowie pointed out the importance of members of their mess in any unit, and expressed happiness in the choice of his senior N.C.O.'s. In toasting the Sgts. Mess the Officers, though numerically much weaker, far exceeded the Sgts. in noise; of course Major Stethem was on their side. S.S.M. Smith was then called on and addressed the company in a humorous vein, causing much unseemly mirth. The conclusion of his speech was the signal for many bravoos—and much applause.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE STATION HOSPITAL.

A happy day was spent on Christmas by the patients in the Military Hospital, St. Johns, Que. The Canadian Red Cross Society, with their usual generosity, provided abundant Christmas cheer for the "poor sick soldiers." Not only a lavish Christmas dinner was furnished, through the kind efforts of Mrs. D. Imrie, local representative of the Society, but an individual box of very acceptable presents was sent for each patient. The Society also gave the hospital a fine assortment of decorating material, and the patients and hospital staff took great pleasure in decorating the various wards and rooms. Their combined efforts gave the old building a pleasing festive appearance, and the decorations were much admired by many visiting the hospital.

During the dinner, Major Bowie, D.S.O., Station Commandant, and the other officers of the garrison paid a visit to the hospital. Major

Bowie, in a few well chosen words, wished the men a Merry Christmas and expressed his sympathy over their misfortune in being confined to hospital during the holiday season.

An impromptu program given by the patients was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special mention is due to Trooper Poulin, R.C.D., who gave his own rendition of "Yes, We Have no Bananas" in a very novel and amusing manner. This item caused great merriment to all the patients. Pte. Blake, R.C.R., sang "When You and I Were Young," and told many interesting anecdotes relating to his adventures in bygone years. The buck-dancing competition presented by S/Sgt. Scriven, R.C.A.M.C., Cpl. Jennings, R.C.D., and Tpr. Connor, R.C.D., proved very interesting, and by verdict of popular applause ended in a tree-cornered tie.

The new radio apparatus recently installed in the hospital by Major Stethem was a source of great interest to many of the patients, and much pleasure was derived by listening in to the attractive Christmas programs broadcasted from Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Montreal and other stations.

Altogether a very happy day was spent, and the patients were unanimous in their opinion that there are much worse places to spend Christmas than in the Military Hospital, St. Johns, Que.

Future of "The Goat."

It has been decided that "The Goat" will be continued as an "A" Sqn. publication for another year. In making this decision we are counting upon the support of every past and present member of the Regiment to help us, both by sending us material for copy, and by canvassing for subscribers.

Do you know of an ex-member of the Regiment who does not take "The Goat"? If so, ask him why not, and put us in touch with him.

With the next number most of the subscriptions will be due for renewal, a subscription blank will be enclosed with your copy, and you will greatly assist us by filling it out at once.

Dutch Courage:—Heard during a Hotchkiss gun class: Pupil (demonstrating)—"Pints to be observed before and after firing."

Instructor—"No not beer or pints—but points."

Here and There.

Lt. Col. T. O. Farnsworth, 7th Hussars; Major Caldwell, R.C.D.; Lieut. H. L. Cleveland, 7th Hussars, and Mr. W. Husbands, spent some time on a hunting trip in the vicinity of Cookshire, Que. Though they were not lucky to secure any large game, it was a very enjoyable time for all.

It is reported, on good authority that soon after they departed, the bodies of several deer were found close to their camp. As it was feared someone had been putting out poison, a Veterinary was called. After an examination of the carcasses, he pronounced death to have been caused by "Snickerosis," a Latin word, you will observe, or excessive mirth, caused by something they had seen. We are thankful it was nothing contagious.

By the way, Mr. Editor, do you advise the wearing of "check pants" on a hunting trip?—Do you think them too "noisy"? (We have seen devotees of the "Royal and Ancient Game" wearing monstrosities, known as "Plus Fours" while on the links. We are informed that the reason for wearing such loud articles of clothing is, that the spectators and caddies may not hear those forcible expressions, usually printed *o/*?*, so frequently used by the players. As regards the wearing of "check pants" while hunting, the effect is not so much for "noise", but, so that when the game catches sight of the "pattern," they become temporarily dazed and stop in their tracks, thus enabling the sportsman to take a safe shot.—The Editor.)

We extend our sympathy to Tpr. and Mrs. Manning in the death of their English bulldog "Grip". "Grip" was one of the oldest soldiers in Barracks, and came down to St. Johns with us on the Troop Train from Toronto four years ago.

The following is an extract from a newspaper published in Minersville, Pa.:

On Monday evening a surprise party was given to Harry and Wilfrid Nethercote, ex-soldiers of the British Army, who now reside at Buck Run. A chicken supper was served. As it was Armistice Day the table was decorated with the colors of the regiments of the various ex-soldiers there; singing and dancing were indulged in and

all had a most enjoyable time.

Tpr. Wilfred Nethercote served with us for about three years after the war, and took his discharge last spring.

Notes from M.D. 4.—At a recent meeting of the H.Q. Mess M.D. 4, one of the members fell into a sound sleep and was only interrupted by a fellow member asking the Chairman if it was in order to wake up the gentleman. How interesting this meeting must have been.

Why did the Bridge Tournament at H.Q. Mess M.D. 4, become a fiasco?

A Royal School of Shorthand is now in progress. Nominal rolls show 2 candidates.

Capt. G. H. Bennet, England's premier gentleman jockey, who rode "Sergeant Murphy" to victory in the last Grand National, died on Jan. 13th, from injuries received in the Otely Chase on Dec. 27th. Capt. Bennet was unconscious for 16 days.

General Debeney, who commanded the 1st French army, during the war, was on the 1st Jan. created a Marshal of France.

A booklet has been published by Mr. Arthur VanKoughnet, of Toronto, containing a photograph and brief sketch of the Military and Civil Record, of his nephew the late Major Victor Nordheimer, R.C.D. The object of this booklet is to preserve for his relatives and friends the memory of a brave and efficient officer, who gave his life for his country, whilst charging with "B" Sqn. R.C.D. at Bois de Moreuil, March 30th, 1918. It contains a foreword by Mr. Arthur VanKoughnet, and copies of letters from Lt. Col. Denison, D.S.O., Major General Lessard, C.B., Major General S. C. Mewburn, C.M.G., and Major General Williams, C.M.G.

Much interest is being taken in this station in the Tijuana Race Results. S. O'Donnell, one of the jockeys riding there is a son of Sgt. O'Donnell, R.C.A.M.C. of the Station Hospital, St. Johns. O'Donnell's name usually figures "in the money" in several races every day. As this is his first year in the racing game it looks as if he has quite a career ahead of him.

The Potters Ball.

We have all heard of "Finnigan's Ball" and those of us who go in for classical art have read all about the Riveters and Boiler-makers' Ball in "Jiggs" cartoons, but when Sgts. Hargraves and King—entertaining their many friends—gave a "Potters Ball" on December 24th, they started something that will be handed down to posterity. The guests attended in fancy dress and prizes were awarded for the best costumes. Of course, contestants had to comfort themselves in keeping with their costumes. Needless to say, no one impersonated a "Prohibitionist."

As liquid refreshment was dispensed free of charge, no surprise was occasioned by Tpr. Desnoyers being the first arrival. He was attired as a lady who had seen better days and certainly looked the part. After collecting all the empty glasses and filling the coal-scuttle, he gracefully accepted a small glass. Cpl. Bentley and Tpr. Bilton were the next arrivals, the former was the original bad man from Mexico, and the latter his little boy. On his arrival Cpl. Bentley, in his usual retiring manner, took charge of everything and organized the affair for the remainder of the evening. The arrival of Tpr. Wheeler as a Klu Klux Klan man towing Tpr. McGorman—a negro—at the end of a rope, caused quite a sensation. Tpr. Wheeler dragged his captive to the bar and forced him—much to the negro's regret, be it said—to swallow three pints in succession. As our men are, as a rule, greatly appreciative of any artistic interpretation of a part—this feat received much applause. Cpl. Jennings, who with his rosy complexion made quite a coy young damsel, and Tpr. A. Gardner, the unwilling victim of his or her many blandishments, made quite a good pair. Tpr. Dutton as a toedancer and Cowling as a tame sealion were also quite good, while Bill Manning's interpretation of a beer-barrel was the envy and admiration of all. It is a strange fact but certain men on every conceivable occasion don feminine apparel. Perhaps they think nature made a big mistake. Tpr. Adams made quite a "fetching" young lady and Tpr. Wells, who appeared as a "Sheik" and had not forgotten his usual shriek was very much in evidence.

The fun was fast and furious all evening; Cpl. Bentley related "How I took the Transport to Sherbrooke" at least six times, and Tpr. Cowling's cup was very full, when he was allowed to sing tear-

fully "That's what God made Mothers for." Cpl. Jennings drew the all and sundry aside and imparted state secrets. We don't know what he said, but his news was always received with a knowing grin and a playful punch. McGorman cheerfully obeyed his captor all evening; but the great event of the evening was the rendering by the hosts, Sgt. Hargraves and Sgt. King, of "United we stand—divided we fall."

Tommy Howe, who was to have been one of the judges, was unfortunately detained elsewhere; in his absence, S.S.M. (I) Doyle, and Cpl. Gilmore officiated in this capacity. After long deliberation the first prize was awarded—Tprs. McGorman and Wheeler; the second, Cpl. Bentley and Tpr. Bilton, and the third, Cpl. Jennings and Tpr. A. Gardner.

After the Canteen closed, the guests visited the Officers' and Sgts.' Messes and received a very cordial reception. Those responsible are indeed to be congratulated on the success of this impromptu social gathering and we all hope we shall see more of this sort of thing in the future. In fact, certain of our personnel advocate cutting out C.O.'s parades and holding these events in their stead.



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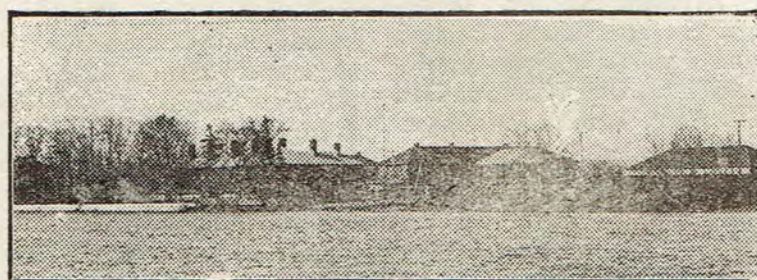
(Continued from the December
number.)

Life in the Royal Canadian Rifles was different to the accepted idea of life in the British Army. The personnel of the Regiment being composed of men slightly over, or about middle age, the great majority of whom had war service either in the Crimea or the Indian Mutiny, and only awaiting their discharge, the authorities, perhaps for that reason, took a very lenient view of the situation, with the result that parades were weekly, and only when defaulters were too few to carry out the necessary fatigues, were fatigue parades ordered. But as "Tommy" had to have some sort of occupation to keep him off the "Grumbling Stool" it

as it precluded any opportunity to earn extra money. Each working party of five or more, had to be in charge of an N.C.O. who was held responsible for their proper behaviour and prompt return to Barracks, and who received the same pay as the workers although he only sat around. There was, therefore (outside of the chance of being on a working party) nothing to break the monotony of Barrack life.

All children in Barracks over four years of age, had to attend school in Barracks until they reached the age of fourteen, when they were "struck off" the ration list, as each married man drew half rations for his wife, and quarter rations for each child, from birth. In many cases the happy (?) father would be waiting to carry the news, so that the child would appear on that day's ration report.

All water consumed had to be



Partial View of Barracks from River.

was the usual practice to give working passes to all who were three months without an entry on their Defaulters' Sheet; which entitled them to be absent from Barracks from 6.15 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. It was, therefore, customary when lumber boats were to be loaded, to see two or more parade parties at 6 a.m. under the charge of a N.C.O. under the rank of Sergeant leave barracks; their wives or children bringing to them their dinners.

St. Johns at that time was a busy port and no railroads going into the Eastern Townships, the water route was used as far as St. Johns, and then distributed by team. That and others work going on in town was usually done by men from the R.C.R. The present Catholic School on Mercier and St. James Streets, was erected by men from the R.C.R. who did the laborers part of it, and for which the contractor (Mr. Cote) paid 5 pence per hour, which with "Tommy's" Shilling (less stoppages) was usually put into the Regimental Savings Bank, against the day of discharge. The rank of Sergt. therefore, went begging

carried from the "Clean Water Wharf" which was just in front of the Hospital. While all refuse was dumped into the river twice a day from the "Slop Wharf" which was just about in line with the bridge into the Magazine. It was usual the day after the arrival of a transfer detachment to see them parade, with the uniform they had discarded to assume the Rifle Green, spread out on the square in front of them, to be inspected by the Quartermaster, roll it up and march to the Slop Wharf, and dump it over. This resulted in the finding of so many Regimental buttons every year around where the Yacht Club now stands, and gave the erroneous idea that the buttons represented regiments quartered here. Indeed some sets gathered by men of "B" Coy. I.S.C. (now the Royal Canadian Regiment) being sold for as high as twenty-five dollars, and comprising forty to fifty buttons of different regiments in the British Army; but none of the 60th Rifles or the Royal Canadian Rifles were ever found as they were of bone and rotted away, or were worn away by the action of the water.

In the year 1867 a break was made in the monotony, by the finding in the spring of that year the body of Rifleman Pat Larkin fast in the ice of the canal immediately north of "Jones" bridge. Larkin was posted as a deserter from about Christmas time, when he disappeared he was supposed to have had a few dollars on him, but when found it was shown that he had been murdered, and no money. His wife never believed he had deserted, and spent the time when not sleeping, searching for him. Two or three suspects from town were brought to trial, but acquitted. I believe that his remains are in the Cemetery south of the Barracks, but I am not sure of that. This Cemetery was for the exclusive use of soldiers and their families. I have heard it said that a portion of it was Consecrated to Roman Catholics, and again I have heard it denied, which denial appears confirmed by the Roman Catholic authorities setting apart about 50 feet of the old Cemetery fronting on Grant St. for use of the soldiers and their families. Nevertheless it is a shame that the last resting place of so many of those who carried the Flag through ice and snow of Russia, and the burning heat of India, men who had devoted their lives "That England never did, or never shall, bow her proud knee to a Conqueror" should be permitted to fall into such decay. But then it only confirms the bit of doggerel prevalent in the Army fifty or sixty years ago that—

In troubled times when war is nigh,
God! and the Soldier, is the Cry.
But in times of peace, with all
things righted,
God's forgot, and the Soldier
sighted.

A few dollars judiciously spent between the years 1869 and the advent of the new Royal Canadian Regiment in 1884, would have preserved head boards of those who had made English History. Now it is too late.

Now a word about the amusements provided for "Tommy". First the Canteen, with cards, dominoes and bagatelle tables. Rowing, fishing, and swimming in summer, with snowshoeing and skating in winter. In fact every man had an issue, over and above that provided by Queen's Regulations, of one pair of mocassins and snowshoes, one pair of skates of the old Dutch type, with a long curl over the toe, and fitted into wood, with straps running through the heel and swell of the wood to fasten them on, in addition and for greater security a screw projected

through the wood of the heel, and screwed into the heel of the shoe or boot; and a pair of ice creepers were also issued which fitted under the instep and fastened similar to a spur. During the winter months when "Tommy" was prone to sit around the big box stove and "spin" the C.O. would call a five mile snowshoe tramp, or a twelve mile skate, when the state of the ice permitted. Then again a couple of rinks would be cleared on the ice and the "Stanes and Besom" were never idle when the

bastapool,—would be fought over again, or perhaps the abilities of Outram, Colin Campbell, or Have-lock, would be discussed, sometimes ending in a near fight, but a half gill or pint would be sure fire as a peacemaker.

Around 1868 a number of ladies belonging to town, assisted by one or two Officers' wives opened a temperance campaign, with more or less success, and of which this story was then prevalent. Tom Connors was one of the recruits induced to sign the pledge. Now



Front Lawn and Officers' Mess.

weather permitted their use—and to the credit of the Officers be it said that none thought it derogatory to their rank, to "Tee a Stane" under a skip from the ranks. Later on when the pontoons were removed from their shed, which ran north and south facing the river, and just in rear of the now Sergeants' Mess—the building or more properly speaking, the shed, was converted into two alleys where nine pins were played by all ranks. Of course this was only available in summer, and often when it rained very heavily, rolling was postponed. But there was always a good fire in the Canteen in the winter months when outdoor sport was unavailable. There a pint measure of ale cost 1 penny; half a gill of rum or brandy 2 pence; while half a gill of rye cost 3 halfpence. On top of the stove stood a large receptacle called a "Muller" which you had the privilege of using if you liked your ale hot, with a dash of nutmeg, and half a teaspoon of brown sugar. Or if you called for a hot rum, it was also at your disposal, but only a small quantity of sugar, and no lemon. It was around this stove that so many battles would be re-enacted—Balaclava, Inkerman, Alma, Se-

Connors having a working pass was enabled to lay aside some money. Christmas Eve came along, with a tree and blow out for the children, and carrying out the idea of instilling into the young minds the beauties of Temperance, Connors was induced to take the platform and relate all the good he had received from Temperance principles. Tom mounted the platform when the time came, and sure enough he made a speech, but not the orthodox Temperance variety. "Childer," says he, "once upon a time I used to spend me time an money in the Canteen, swigging Ale and Spirits—but since I joined the Temperance Club, I haven't been inside the Canteen once. And I have a tidy sum in the Regimental Savings Bank, against a day of sorrow, and not only that but since I stopped going to the Canteen, I have learnt to talk like a gentleman should, and now I can swear better or as good anyway as arah man in Barracks." And yet we find some of our Army Reformers, still insisting that Canteen influence is very demoralizing to morals. Piffle!

(To be continued.)

An Anniversary.

It is four years ago today (Jan. 17th, 1924) since "A" Sqn. R.C.D. arrived in St. Johns, Que., from Toronto. On our return from overseas in June 1919 "A" Sqn. proceeded to Toronto with the Regiment where we remained at Stanley Barracks for nearly nine months, during the period of re-organization. On the afternoon of the 16th January, 1920 we entrained at the Exhibition siding in Toronto for our old home in St. Johns, arriving here early on the morning of the 17th. An advance party consisting of Capt. Leblanc, Sgt. Merrix and 11 other ranks had come down ten days previously and had been busy trying to get things into shape for our arrival. The special train supplied by the Grand Trunk Railway, consisted of 3 palace horse cars, 2 baggage cars, several freight cars containing the furniture of the married families, 2 colonist cars for the men, a Pullman for the Officers, Sergeants, and married families, and a dining car. So we started off for our old home, with all that men can desire, horses, women, children, and dogs.

We pulled out of the Exhibition siding with the good wishes of our comrades left behind in Toronto, ringing in our ears. The sun was shining and the grass green, but it started to snow during the night, and when we arrived in St. Johns we had to plow our way up the road through snow up to our knees. We struck that ever present cold wind which blows across "No Man's Land" and with our teeth chattering, wondered why we ever left Toronto. The month that followed can scarcely be called a pleasant one, the weather proved to be severely cold, and we had the greatest amount of snow, that had been experienced in St. Johns for many years (and that's saying something). The buildings, although they had all been very nicely renovated prior to our arrival, had stood unoccupied for about two years, and were as cold as barns, the doors and windows that fitted at all were prevented from shutting by the ice and snow that had drifted through them, and as soon as the furnaces began to warm up, the frozen pipes would burst, and in the mornings miniature skating rinks, or young lakes would be discovered in the Officers' Mess, the C.O.'s quarters, or in the hospital. The Orderly Officer, the S.Q.M.S., and Tommy Howe had a very busy time.

Our first parade state showed Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., in Command (he had left St. Johns with "A" Sqn. in 1914 as Capt.

and Adjutant), Capt. R. B. Leblanc, Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., Lieut. M. Drury, 98 other ranks and 51 horses.

We were issued with our red toques, moccasins, snowshoes, overstockings, etc., and soon learned what the moccasin flag meant.

When the snow went away we discovered that every neck and corner of the grounds was littered with refuse that had accumulated during the past two years, and ground fatigues formed the main item of our spring training.

Looking back over the past four years we notice many changes for the better. All the Messes and the Men's Library have been comfortably furnished, and supplied with billiard and pool tables. The large Men's Mess has been divided into three parts making a mess room, Veterinary offices, and a gymnasium. The Gym. is perhaps one of the greatest assets to the station, and many smoking concerts, boxing tournaments, and dances have been held in it. There is a new roof on the riding school, the stables have been renovated, and jumping lanes constructed. We have a very good rink of regulation size, well lighted, and a good club house for a dressing room. Two wharves for bathing have been erected one for the Officers, and one for the other ranks. New lawns have been made, hundreds of trees planted, and a polo field is under way. We have many good friends in St. Johns (a Nursing Sister) and last but not least "The Goat."

Life in the "Country Squadron" is very different from soldiering in a large city. Sport of all kinds takes a very prominent part in our daily life, our evenings are spent in our own Messes, the Library, or the Canteen, and we all get to know each other so much better. We have 40 per cent. of the original men who came down from Toronto still with us, and they all can look back on the last four years spent at the Cavalry Barracks, as very happy ones.

On this day the start of our fifth year in St. Johns, The Commanding Officer has been pleased to grant us a half holiday in honour of the occasion.

A Yankee soldier while in England was being shown over an old church beneath whose floor there were many graves.

"A great many people sleep within these walls," said the guide solemnly, as he indicated the inscription-covered floor.

"Is that so?" replied the Yankee. "Same way over in our country. Why don't you get a more interesting preacher?"

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The Letter Box.

The following is an extract from
a letter received from Lt. Col. L.
V. Sherwood, Officer Commanding
The Princess Louise Dragoon
Guards, Ottawa, Ont.

"Your Publication is read with
interest by this Unit for its in-
trinsic worth, because it deals with
matters of interest to our branch
of the Service and because we have
on our strength some ex-members
of the R.C.D."

Sawyer, Que.

The Editor "The Goat":

Just a word or two in apprecia-
tion of your journal "The Goat"
which I enjoy reading very much,
especially the historical articles,
which are both interesting and in-
structive, and the sheet all through
is interesting reading to a Cavalry-
man.

Though this publication is essen-
tially in the interests of the
R.C.D., I believe you could make it
more interesting to the rural sub-
scribers, and increase the circula-
tion by getting in touch with the
H.Q.s of the Rural Cavalry Units
of the vicinity and getting jottings
of their doings.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Robinson, Major,
7th Hussars.

The Editor "The Goat":

Dear Sir,—The cover illu-
stration of the Xmas number of "The
Goat" is remarkable for one fact,
and that is, how seldom an actual
cost is less than the estimate. Evi-
dently much better estimating was
done in those day of Imperial occu-
pation. Possibly some of your
readers can quote this moral.

Yours truly,

"Economy" for 1924.

The following letter, together
with an autographed photo for the
Officers' Mess, was received by the
O.C. "A" Sqn. R.C.D. from Lieut.
General Sir Charles Kavanagh,
who commanded the Cavalry Corps
in France

Cavalry Club,

127 Piccadilly, W. 1
Nov. 4th, 1923.

Dear Major Bowie:

At the beginning of this year
you wrote and asked me to send
you a photograph for the Officers'
Mess of "A" Sqn. Royal Cana-
dian Dragoons. I had not one by
me at the time as I had lately been
obliged to leave my home in Ire-
land and what photographs I had,
had all been left behind there.

I must apologize for not having
remembered about it since, but I
can assure you it was not because
I had forgotten the Canadian Cav-
alry Brigade, or the very pleasant
recollections I have of the gallant
way they always behaved when
under my command in the Cavalry
Corps during the past war.

I am now sending you a photo
which I hope will arrive safely,
and which I hope you will not
think too late. Please remember
me to all the old friends that I
knew, and wishing you all the best
of luck in the future.

Sincerely,

C. M. Kavanagh.

Ward 326, Christie Street
Hospital, Toronto, Ont.,
30th December, 1923.

To Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O.,
Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Dear Major,—I was so sorry that
I was not at home when you and
Col. Bell called to see me. I thank
you both very much for the smokes,
etc. The only Dragoon here is no
less than Joe Harbour, my old
rival in swimming and diving in
our regiment. I handed over to
Joe one of the packages. Joe Har-
bour is doing fine after his opera-
tion on his stomach, as for myself,
if my right side was not so lazy I
would challenge, you sir, or S.M.
Ellis to a race in any pool, any
distance, any day and anyhow.
You must overlook the bad writing
and the worse composition of this
little note. My head is not right
yet and my left hand has to do the
work of two. I have two good
hands but one is temporarily out of
commission. Allow me to express
to the Officers and men (both
at Toronto and St. Johns) of the
R.C.D's, every prosperity in the
New Year, both military and do-
mestical. Please inform me the
best time and day when I could see
a few of the finest fellows I have
ever met. Please pass along my
best thanks to Col. Bell, also the
publishers of "The Goat" who are
so good in sending me copies of
their wonderful journal. By the
way Major, why not give a gentle
hint to "Good old "B" Squadron,
that a little more space of their
daily doings in "The Goat" would
be greatly appreciated by their
comrades who are no longer in the
service.

Believe me, dear sir,

I remain ever,

An Old Dragoon, Charles B. Vere.

Buckingham Palace.

The Private Secretary presents
his compliments to the Officer
Commanding, the Royal Canadian

Dragoons, and is commanded by
the King to ask him to be good
enough to thank the Warrant Offi-
cers, Staff Sergeants, and Ser-
geants of the Royal Canadian Dra-
goons for their card of good wishes
for Christmas and the New Year.

27th December, 1923.

Government House, Ottawa.

The Private Secretary is com-
manded by His Excellency the
Governor General to thank the
Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants
and Sergeants of the Royal Cana-
dian Dragoons for their good
wishes, which are much appre-
ciated and heartily reciprocated by
His Excellency.

December 1923.

The Governor General of the
Irish Free State sends his thanks
and best wishes for the New Year
to the Warrant Officers, Staff
Sergeants and Sergeants of the
Royal Canadian Dragoons.

24th December 1923.

The crabbed bachelor and the
aged spinster sat suffering in the
concert hall. The selections were
apparently unfamiliar to the
bachelor, but when the "Wedding
March" was played he pricked up
his ears.

"That sounds familiar," he ex-
claimed. "I'm not strong on these
classical pieces, but that's a good
one. What is it?"

The spinster cast down her
eyes: "That," she told him, de-
murely, "is 'The Maiden's
Prayer.'"

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Militia News.

Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, Que.

The winter class of the Royal School of Cavalry, commenced on Monday, Jan. 7th. The first course is for Lieutenants and N.C.O.'s and will last for a period of six weeks. The following officers and N.C.O.'s are in attendance:—

Lieut. J. D. Code, The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards.

Lieut. F. F. Northup, 6th King's (Nova Scotia) Mounted Rifles.

Lieut. J. B. Roach, 8th Princess Louise (New Brunswick) Hussars.

Lieut. F. W. W. Bartlett, 8th Princess Louise (New Brunswick) Hussars.

Lieut. J. D. Cox, 8th Princess Louise (New Brunswick) Hussars.

Lieut. E. G. B. Brockwell, McGill C.O.T.C.

S.Q.M.S. C. E. Spicer, D.C.M., 6th King's (Nova Scotia) Mtd. Rifles.

Sgt. R. F. Brown, 6th King's (Nova Scotia) Mtd. Rifles.

Sgt. H. J. Miller, 6th King's (Nova Scotia) Mtd. Rifles.

Sgt. W. E. Parker, 6th King's

(Nova Scotia) Mtd. Rifles.

Sgt. Q. A. Smith, 8th Princess Louise (New Brunswick) Hussars. S.S.M. G. A. Graham, 28th New Brunswick Dragoons.

Sgt. F. Jones, 28th New Brunswick Dragoons.

Sgt. E. E. Timms, 28th New Brunswick Dragoons.

Sgt. J. E. Young, 28th New Brunswick Dragoons.

Sgt. G. Kelly, 28th New Brunswick Dragoons.

Cavalry Association Report.

The annual report of the Canadian Cavalry Association has been revised by Major F. B. Inkster, the secretary of the association and is now in the hands of the printer. The report contains a full report of the last meeting of the association, which was held in Winnipeg in September last. The report when published will contain about 40 pages.

The Governor General's Body Guard.

A Trophy Challenge Cup has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanKoughnet, in memory of their nephew, the late Major Victor Nordheimer, R.C.D., for annual competition to the most efficient troop in the Governor General's Body Guard.

3rd Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoons.

A six weeks Provisional School of Cavalry is being held at Peterborough, Ont., for the above mentioned Regiment. The School is in charge of Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., R.C.D., assisted by S.S.M.(I.) Aiesthorp, R.C.D.

The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards.

Attending Courses—Lieut. Murray Williams, P.L.D.G., is taking a course at Stanley Barracks, and Lieut. Drummond Code, P.L.D.G., is due for the course at the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns.

Honorary Colonel.—It is understood that Lieut. Colonel R. M. Courtney, a former Commanding Officer of The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, is to be appointed Honorary Lieut. Colonel of the unit, in succession to Lieut. Colonel F. F. E. Gourdeau, who died last October. H.R.H. The Princess Louise is the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

New Paymaster.—Lieut. R. R. Sparks, P.L.D.G., has resigned his commission on being appointed Honorary Captain and Paymaster of the Regiment. The Sparks family have been connected with the Regiment since 1872, when Captain Nicholas Sparks, a distant relative was the first Commanding Officer.

VII. Hussars.

The results of the examination of the Signal Section of the VII. Hrs. show, seven who obtained grade "A" Certificates, and two grade "B" certificates. The Signallers of the VII. Hrs. ever since the reorganization of the Regiment have always been at or next to the top of the list of Signallers of the Units of the Non-Permanent Militia in points obtained for proficiency in V.T.

Little Nellie's mother was entertaining a famous aviator. After he had finished a thrilling story, little daughter sighed deeply and said,

"I've clear forgot how it feels to sail through the air."

"Why, Nellie," said her mother in a shocked voice, "you were never in the air in your life!"

"Gracious, mamma! Have you forgotten that the stork brought me?"

Described—If a car turns turtle, perhaps it is all right to say the occupants are terrapinned beneath it.—Toronto Telegram.

By-Town Bits.

New Year's Show.—The big event of the Ottawa Garrison came off very successfully on New Year's Day, when the officers of the various units all united in paying their respects to His Excellency the Governor General, at the levee held in the East Block. Baron Byng attended by his staff of A.D.C.'s, both permanent and honorary, received the officers of headquarters and the garrison and afterwards many hundred civilians. Upon the completion of the levee, the various officers' messes were opened up and calls were the order of the day. The weather was brisk and bracing and the refreshments at the messes of a very satisfactory character. The majority closed down at 3 o'clock, when the Hull Regiment opened up and completed a very enjoyable day's work. As far as is known all returned to their base in safety.

Ottawa Honored.—Among the New Year's visitors to the Capital was Major Frank Sawers, M.C. The "Duke" was in fine form and his cheery smile and spirit of good fellowship did much to add to the success of the operations. Old Man Gloom is never present when Frank is in the party.

State Ball.—The state ball given by His Excellency the Governor General and the Lady Byng of Vimy, at Government House on the evening of the 8th instant, was attended by all officers of the headquarters staff and the garrison. A number of out of town guests were also present.

Leads in Memorials.—Deducting the numerous war memorials and monuments erected since the war, the province of Quebec possesses more commemorative monuments than the other sections of Canada put together. This fact comes out in the annual report of the Historic Monument Commission.

To Sail with Fleet.—The members of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve are to have an opportunity to serve with the British battle cruisers Hood and Repulse this summer.

The Hood and Repulse, together with four ships of the first light cruiser squadron are to be in Vancouver next June on their world tour. The Admiralty have advised the Department of National Defence that Canadian naval volunteers, who wish to do so, may do their sea training on the British cruisers. They will embark at Vancouver and sailing through the Panama Canal come up to the

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Nova Scotia waters. It is stated that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity of training with a battle cruiser fleet.

Quebec Cadets Win.—Quebec cadets, for the second year in succession, have won the Earl Grey Challenge Shield. The shield is awarded to the province having the largest number of enrolled cadets in proportion to school attendance.

The trophy is held for one year by the cadet corps in the winning province which is most proficient in physical and military drill and rifle shooting.

"Owing to the very high state of efficiency of a number of cadet corps in the province of Quebec," announced the Department of Defence, under whose auspices the competitions are held, "the task of awarding the trophy to an individual unit was a difficult one, the competition resolving into one between No. 29, Lower Canada College Cadet Corps of Montreal, and No. 352, l'Academie Commerciale Cadet Corps, Quebec. A board of officers consisting of Col. S. H. Hill, director of physical training and cadet services, National Defence headquarters, and Lt. Col. H. Chasse, D.S.O., M.C., officer commanding the Royal 22nd Regt., Quebec, was appointed to conduct special inspections of these two cadet corps. Both units were found to be extremely well trained and efficient, so much so in fact that the board recommended that the trophy be held by each corps for a period of six months, which recommendation has been approved by the Minister of National Defence, who has conveyed his congratulations to the officers and cadets of these two units."

Is Military Man.—Mr. Henry Watters, who was elected Mayor of the City of Ottawa, by an overwhelming majority on the 7th instant is an old military man.

Mayor Watters was for over twenty years connected with the old 43rd Ottawa Regiment and retired some fifteen years ago with the rank of Major.

"B" Sqdn Notes.

A dinner of interest was held in the Officers' Mess at Stanley Barracks on Tuesday the eighteenth of December when the guests included the most prominent show horse owners in Eastern Canada and others whose prominence in the horse world is known and recognized, not only throughout Canada but also in the U.S.A.

Of course the whole topic of conversation was Horse, in the show ring and hunting field, on the race course and polo field and from the military point of view, were all headings under which he was referred to and discussed.

Those present necessarily included the majority of the members of the Horse Show Committee who were so successful in not only putting on a wonderful Show but were so instrumental in making the Royal Winter Fair such a great success, not only financially, but as a public feature of which Toronto can be so justly proud.

At the close of the dinner the Commanding Officer expressed the great pleasure of the Officers of Stanley Barracks in having so many outstanding horsemen present and referred to the keenness and willingness of the Officers to help in Horse Shows and other phases of horse interest. Reference was also made to the close association of Stanley Barracks and the Royal Canadian Dragoons with Show work, Racing and Polo in the past, when conditions made it possible for the Officers to take more active parts as compared to the present when the financial conditions make it impossible for Offi-

cers without large private incomes to own Show horses, race horses or polo ponies that can begin to compete with the horses appearing before the public today.

The Commanding Officer referred to Major General Lessard, Lt. Colonel Van Straubenzee and Major "Bush" Forester as Officers whose names and deeds will long be remembered by not only the horsemen of Toronto, but elsewhere as well.

Colonel H. C. Cox referred to the suggestion of finding horses and riders for a Canadian Team for Olympia and Paris, but was somewhat pessimistic regarding the prospects for this year, however, he expressed his hope that the seed had been sown and that another year would bring about something definite.

Sir Clifford Sifton spoke at some length and impressed all with his experience. He was enthusiastic about a Canadian Team but advised not doing anything without great forethought and caution as he did not consider it advisable to send a team that did not stand a chance of a first, second or third and to do that it was not only necessary to have good horses and good riders, but experienced horses and very experienced riders in show ring work.

Doctor King-Smith, Vice-President of the Ontario Jockey Club, referred to how prominently the Officers of Stanley Barracks and particularly the Royal Canadian Dragoons figured in the racing and life at the Woodbine in days gone by and explained some of the many difficulties met today that makes it necessary to eliminate Amateur racing, but urged for a Hunt Association to take up that interesting feature.

Mr. MacAbee, vice-chairman of the Horse Show Committee, spoke of the lessons learned this year in connection with the work of the Horse Show and expressed appre-

ciation of the part taken and assistance given by the Royal Canadian Dragoons and Stanley Barracks.

Major General Lessard, C.B., Honorary Colonel of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, referred to the conditions of the past and present, particularly to the impossible situations met by the soldier of today who is without means. The comparatively cheap prices of the thoroughbred, good jumper and polo pony, made it possible for Officers to take part, but the present day standard in track records, show ring performances and fast polo matches, together with the increased values of horses capable of competing, rules out the man without money.

Major General Lessard very kindly referred, in most complimentary terms, to the Musical Ride put on at the Horse Show, and this from one with so much experience and ability to pass judgment together with the fact that he is known as a man who says what he means and means what he says is indeed a compliment.

The annual Christmas Tree for the children of Stanley Barracks was held in the Gymnasium on Friday the 21st December, and it would be difficult to even imagine little ones enjoying themselves more thoroughly than the youngsters of our dear old Station did on this occasion.

The Trumpet-Major of the Royal Canadian Dragoons presided at the piano and at four fifteen Santa Claus appeared with a rush and great jingle of sleigh bells, followed by the clown in the person of Trooper Gill, leading Towser, the pony, all decked out in his regimental kit and who displayed greatest pride in giving each child a ride on his back. Tea was, by this time, well under way, and if the health of children can be told by bonnie appearance and good appetites there is no danger of

these little ones having to take second place to any and they were all so pleased and happy, but of course when Santa Claus drew aside the Union Jacks hiding the Tree their joy knew no bounds, they shrieked with delight and forgot tea and the pony and crowded about, each one receiving his or her present in a shy and modest manner that speaks so well for careful upbringing.

It was six o'clock before Santa Claus had finished his work and a little too dark for the children to see him disappear away over the roof of the Riding School towards North Toronto, but they nevertheless appeared to be perfectly happy although many of the wee ones were by this time very tired.

Numerous Toronto people, besides the parents and friends of the children, were present and all expressed admiration of not only the healthiness and happiness of the children but also of their good looks, for they certainly were as handsome one hundred and thirty kiddies as could be found anywhere.

One amusing incident occurred when one small boy, not yet four, was taken up to be presented to Santa Claus, and as soon as he heard the voice said, "That's not Santa Claus that's Timmy."

Sir Henry Thornton was present but unfortunately was not able to stay long enough to receive his new private train that Santa had on the tree for him.

The occasion would not, of course, have been complete had our Chaplain not been present with his cheery word for each and we wonder how he ever manages, particularly at Christmas time, to keep up with his great work, for after all very few realize the magnitude of the social service work carried on under his guidance and supervision and the great number of poor homes he brings Christmas gladness to by the baskets so carefully packed with the most useful articles of food and clothing.

MARKSMEN 1923.

The undermentioned Officers, W.Os, N.C.Os and Men qualified as Marksmen at Annual Musketry 1923:—

Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O.
Lt. & Bt. Major F. Sawers, M.C.
S.S.M. J. Copeland, D.C.M.
Sgt. J. H. Hallett.
Cpl. F. Sturgess.
L/Cpl. S. W. McKeown, M.M.
Tpr. G. Cox.
Tpr. M. Maloney, D.C.M.

We extend a hearty welcome to Q.M.S.I. Dowdell and Doyle on their visit to Stanley Barracks to



Hockey Season Opens

"A" Sqn. R.C.D., vs. K. of C.

On Thursday, Jan. 3rd the Squadron team opposed the Knights of Columbus on the Academy Rink in the first League game of the season.

President Hebert escorted Mr. Pierre Trahan, the Mayor of St. Johns, to the centre of the ice, where he received a great ovation as he tossed the puck between the opposing centres, and declared the St. Johns City Hockey League officially opened for the season 1924.

From the start K. of C. pressed for a while, till Durnford, receiving the puck carried it up the rink and shot; Stanyer rushing in met the rebound and drove the first goal of the season past Lebert. The Drags continued pressing and Durnford terminated a splendid end to end rush with a beautiful shot that sagged the corner of the net. The Knights then came into the picture and tried Capt. Drury with several shots, one in particular from Mombteau, called for a great effort in order to deflect it from the net.

The first period ended R.C.D. 2, K. of C. 0.

The second period opened with much end to end play; Stanyer and Durnford being prominent for the Soldiers, and Mombteau and Latour for the Knights. Many good saves were made by both

attend the Royal School of Cavalry.

The undermentioned Officer, W. O. and Men proceeded to London, Ont., on the 7th instant for duty at Provisional School of Cavalry: Lt. & Bvt. Major F. Sawers, M.C.
Tpr. H. M. Crawford, M.M.
Tpr. J. A. Martin.
Tpr. Pretswell, L.D.
Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, I.C.

R.Q.M.S. J. MacLean, M.M., proceeded to Ottawa, Ont., for Course of Instruction at R.C.O.C. School on the 7th instant. We wish him every success, and hope he does not visit Hull to often.

goalies. Towards the end of the period Boucher, who had relieved McKerral, carried the puck right into the Knights goalmouth, and from the scrimmage that ensued Durnford batted the puck into the net. Kelly and Mercier playing a very aggressive game held the opposing forwards till the end of the period.

The second period ended R.C.D. 3, K. of C. 0.

Play livened up considerably in the start of the final period and many hard knocks were given and taken in good part. On one occasion Latour had no one between him and the goaler, but Mercier skating fast, checked him from behind. The fast pace and lack of condition began to tell on both teams towards the end of the game.

Final score R.C.D. 3, K. of C. 0.

The teams lined up as follows:—
R.C.D.—Capt. Drury, goal; Tpr. Mercier and Tpr. Kelly, defence; L/Cpl. Stanyer, centre; Tpr. McKerral, forward; Tpr. Durnford (Capt.) forward. Spares—L/Cpl. Greene, Cpl. Barker, Tpr. Boucher.
K. of C.—Lebert, goal; Latour (Capt.) and Sabourin, defence; Mombteau, centre; Camaraire, forward; Connolly, forward. Spares—Harbec, Lord, Trahan, Dion.

Referee—Mr. Fred Rollo.

Both teams are to be congratulated on putting up a good clean game, there being only one penalty inflicted, when Durnford was sent off for one minute, for what might have been an accidental infringement.

A Friendly Criticism.

During the 1923 hockey season the Squadron team was unable to win one league game. Seeing that we have started the present season so auspiciously, we think that if last year's mistakes are made obvious, the whole team will benefit considerably.

It was generally admitted last year, that our team was in no way inferior to the other teams in the league, and yet we lost every game by the odd goal. This proves conclusively that there was something wrong somewhere. We think our team has been in the habit of going on the ice, lacking that incentive,

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without which, no team, no matter how clever they are individually, can win games—viz., "The will to win."

In our opening game this year we proved we were far superior to one team, and if our men play their remaining games with the same determination there is absolutely no reason to prevent us from finishing on top of the League this year.

Reviewing our men's play in the game against the K. of C. we find:

Capt. Drury in goal was playing right on top of his form; Kelly and Mercier, while playing a very sound defensive game, appeared over-eager when carrying the puck, and consequently they over-run the puck quite often; Durnford and Stanyer played a rattling good game; McKerral was not up to his usual form, he needs more condition; Barker, good on the defence, was rather slow in carrying the puck; Boucher seemed out of condition; and Greene, while showing great promise, needs a deal more experience.

We are not advancing these remarks from a "know-all" standpoint; but from that of the interested spectator who seeing these faults, bring them to the team's notice, hoping that by overcoming these errors, the team may profit and carry off the cup this year.

On Sunday, Jan. 6th the Charnains easily defeated the Singer hockey team, by a score of 5 to 1 in a St. Johns City Hockey League fixture.

Champlains vs. "A" Sqn. R.C.D.

Each of the above teams having won their previous games a "battle royal" was expected. The crowd which turned out at the Academy rink on Jan. 9th was one of the largest on record and they witnessed a strenuous and at times thrilling struggle. From the face off a very fast pace was set, and maintained throughout the game. The "Drags" were far superior in the first period, and the one lone goal which rewarded their efforts was a very poor return for the brand of hockey they exhibited. McKerral was responsible for this goal, bringing the puck from his own goal, he scored with a beautiful shot from about quarter ice. Right to the end of the period a barrage was kept on the Champlain goalie but with no further results.

R.C.D. 1, Champlains 0.

The second period opened with Champlains in the ascendant. The first goal was one of those unfortunate affairs that set players' nerves on edge, Trahan, after a magnificent rush down the ice, shot, and Capt. Drury was set to receive the puck, when Kelly's stick intervened and deflected the puck into the net. End to end play ensued, many good saves being brought off by both goalies. The second goal for Champlain was a beautiful shot from Beaulieu, right into the top corner of the net.

R.C.D. 1, Champlain 2.

The "Drags" did most of the attacking in the last period, but experienced ill luck with their shots. Durnford, although he played a strenuous game, was feet wide in every instance, and McKerral was not much better. Probably this was one of their off nights, but it was unfortunate that they should have had an off night together. Langlois scored the last goal with a long shot which bounced off the goaler's pads into the net.

R.C.D. 1, Champlains 3.

R.C.D.—Capt. Drury, goal; Tpr. Mercier and Tpr. Kelly, defence; L/Cpl. Stanyar, centre; L/Cpl. McKerral, forward; L/Cpl. Durnford (Capt.) forward. Spares—L/Cpl. Greene, Tpr. Boucher, Tpr. Rowe.

Referee—Mr. Will Rollo.

Although several penalties were imposed they were due more to the strenuousness of the game, and certainly not on account of any ill feeling between the two teams.

"A" Sqn. R.C.D. vs. St. Johns College.

We played a friendly game at

the College rink on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13th against the students of the St. Johns College. There was a large crowd on hand, as the College boys are well known on account of their fast skating and good combination. The game was fast and interesting from start to finish. In the first period it was very much the students game, and before we got settled down they had put in two goals. The second period produced end to end play, both goals having some narrow escapes, but there was no further scoring. McKerral injured his shoulder and was forced to withdraw from the game. The third period was ours and the defence worked well, whilst the forwards put up a good brand of shooting. "Slim" Durnford scored twice with hot shots from the left wing. When the whistle sounded time the score was two all, and a period of overtime play failed to break the tie. Tpr. Barrie, who made his first appearance in the squadron colors, showed up well. After the game the students very kindly produced a box of cigars for the team.

The teams lined up as follows:—

R.C.D.—Capt. Drury, goal; Tpr. Mercier and Cpl. Barker, defence; L/Cpl. Durnford (Capt.) centre; L/Cpl. McKerral, forward; Tpr. Kelly, forward. Spares—L/Cpl. Greene, Tpr. Boucher, Tpr. Rowe, Tpr. Barrie.

St. Johns College—Martin, goal; Racicot and J. Cote, defence; Tremblay, centre; Gaudette, forward; Leroux, forward. Spares—J. Cote, Champaigne, Archambault, Schetagne.

Referee—The Rev. Father Jude.

Hockey Notes.

Major Bowie is acting as Hon. Coach of the team this year.

Tpr. E. R. Barrie has been registered with the St. Johns Hockey League and is playing for the Squadron team, wearing No. 12.

On Sunday, Jan. 13th, the Singer Hockey Club defeated the Knights of Columbus 3-2 in a St. Johns Hockey League fixture.

Our hockey squad are having their usual run of accidents. L/Cpl. Stanyar has been laid up with a bad leg. McKerral has been in hospital with an injured shoulder, and Tpr. Boucher met with a painful accident necessitating several stitches on the inside of his lip.



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	Won	Lost
Champlains...	2	0
R. C. D.	1	1
Singer	1	1
K. of C.	0	2

The following is the proposed recreation programme for the month:—

Saturday, Jan. 19th—Hockey match, R.C.D. vs. Singer.

Thursday, Jan. 24th—Hockey match, (Barracks Rink), R.C.D. vs. St. Johns College.

Sunday, Jan. 27th—Hockey match, R.C.D. vs. K. of C.

Wednesday, Jan. 30th—Hockey match, R.C.D. vs. Champlains.

Friday, Feb. 1st—Masquerade Skating Carnival (Barrack Rink), from 8 to 10 p.m. 10 p.m. informal dance in the Gym.

Saturday, Feb. 2nd—Hockey match (Loyola College Rink, Montreal), R.C.D. vs. Victoria Rifles of Canada.

Sunday, Feb. 3rd—Hockey

match, R.C.D. vs. Singer.

Friday, Feb. 8th—Boxing Tournament.

Saturday, Feb. 9th—Hockey match (Barrack Rink) Victoria Rifles of Canada, vs. R.C.D.

Monday, Feb. 11th—Hockey match, R.C.D. vs. Singer.

Thursday, Feb. 14th—Hockey match, R.C.D. vs. K. of C.

Friday, Feb. 15th—Men's Dance in the Gymnasium.

It is also hoped to arrange home and home hockey games with "D" Coy., The Royal Canadian Regiment.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Armstrong Cup, presented by Brig.-Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., to the 4th Military District Rifle Association for annual competition, for the Tyro Aggregate, was won this year by Cpl. J. Jennings, R.C.D. The Cup has been moved to the Men's Library from the Sgts. Mess, where it had rested for the past year, the property of S.Q.M.S.I. Dowdell, R.C.D.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

CHAPTER ONE.

Outbreak of War—Valcartier—Early Days in England—Formation of Canadian Cavalry Bde.—Arrival in France—Infantry Training.

At the outbreak of war, the Royal Canadian Dragoons were constituted on a two Squadron basis. "A" Squadron, under Major C. T. VanStraubenzee, was stationed at the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Quebec, while "B" Squadron, under Major D. D. Young, was at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, Ontario. Lieut. Colonel C. M. Nelles, Officer Commanding, with Major J. H. Elmsley 2nd i/c, were with Regimental Headquarters at Stanley Barracks, Toronto.

A dismounted party of Fifty Officers and other ranks from "A" Squadron, was dispatched on August 5th to carry out garrison duty at Quebec and ten days later the Regiment concentrated at Valcartier Camp, where it was brought up to War Establishment by the formation of "C" Squadron under Major McMillan, D.S.O. After a short but instructive period of training, the regiment embarked aboard the S.S. Laurentic on September 24th and proceeded to England with the 1st Canadian Division.

On disembarking at Plymouth, the Regiment entrained for Amesbury and on detraining there marched to Pond Farm for the never to be forgotten winter on Salisbury Plains. In spite of the continual rain necessitating the shifting of tents and horse lines every other day, some useful Cavalry work was carried out and every officer and man entered with the utmost enthusiasm into the preparation for all the future was to bring. During the first week in January 1915, all Squadrons went into billets, "A" Squadron going to Tilshead, H.Q. and "B" Squadron to Shrewton and Maddington, and "C" Squadron to Winterbourne Stoke. The water in some of the village streets was up to the horses hocks but all discomforts were soon dispelled by the cheery nature of the welcome extended by the inhabitants.

February 8th saw the formation of the 1st Canadian Mounted Brigade under Colonel J. E. B. Seely, D.S.O., former Secretary of State for War, the name being changed a few days later to the 1st Canadian Cavalry Brigade. On March 1st, the regiment moved to Maresfield where they were brigaded

with the Lord Strathcona Horse (R.C.), the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and the 2nd King Edward's Horse, the Brigade being inspected at Camp Hill on March 5th by the General Officer Commanding, 2nd Army, Central Force. Several weeks of Regimental and Brigade training followed, which included several night marches and concentrations in the vicinity of Brighton to repel an imaginary landing. On May 4th the regiment left Buxted en route to Folkestone where it embarked and proceeded to Boulogne the same night, the strength being 29 Officers and 469 other ranks.

After a short stay at Boulogne under canvas, during which a determined effort to reorganize the Brigade into infantry was most fortunately defeated through the untiring efforts of the Brigadier, the regiment proceeded to Merris, Belgium, where with the rest of the Brigade, they formed a reserve for the 1st Canadian Division, the latter having just emerged from the 2nd battle of Ypres. Time was spent in marching and getting used to the Web equipment, rifle and bayonet and many valuable points were picked up by the Officers, from a lecture given Colonel (afterwards Major-General) Lipsett, commanding the 8th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

CHAPTER TWO.

Festubert—Givenchey — Messines —Trench Warfare.

Festubert.

On May 15th orders were received for the Canadian Cavalry Brigade to move to Locon to act as Reserve to the 1st Canadian Division who were to attack at Festubert. The Royal Canadian Dragoons arrived at Locon at 1.15 a.m. on May 17th and went into billets at Long Cornet. On May 21st "A" Squadron had the honour of being the first unit of the Brigade to go into the front line, being attached to the 13th Batt., 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade for twenty-four hours instruction in Trench routine. Although heavily shelled the Squadron had no casualties and were relieved on the morning of May 23rd. An Officers' Patrol under Lieut. Codville made a reconnaissance of the old British line trench and old German line trench, east of Festubert Village, between Willow Road and Quinque Road with a view to occupying this portion of the line. Lieut. Codville was awarded the Military Cross for his work on this occasion, being the first officer in the Brigade to receive a decoration.

On the evening of May 24th, the regiment relieved the 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion in the Reserve Trenches. Heavy shelling took place during the night and the following day 2 other ranks being killed and Major D. D. Young and 10 other ranks wounded. During the evening the Royal Canadian Dragoons relieved the Lord Strathcona's Horse in the front line, "A" and "B" Squadrons occupying L. 2 to K. 5, "C" Squadron K. 3 to K. 5. At 10 o'clock in the evening a bombing attack was carried out under Lieut. R. S. Timmis towards L. 8. This attack was successful, 100 yards of trench being captured and heavy casualties inflicted on the retiring enemy. The bombing party had 1 other rank killed and eighteen wounded. The captured ground was held all day and at 11 p.m. May 26th the Brigade was relieved by the 14th and 16th Can. Inf. Battalions, returning to billets at Long Cornet. Besides the Military Cross won by Lieut. Codville, Corporal Pym "A" Squadron was awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry in bringing in a private of the 7th Can. Inf. Battalion, who had been lying in "No Man's Land," shot through the hip and legs for four days without food or water. Sgt. Hallowell "A" Squadron, who first made the attempt, was killed by a sniper.

(To be continued.)

Bran Mash.

A noble effort.—One of our "Young Hopefuls" was sent by his mother to the Canteen to get "Six cans of assorted kinds of soup." What could his mother say when he returned with "Six cakes of assorted colored soap"?

Attached Officer, after hockey match—"What was the score?"

Friend—"Two all."

Attached Officer — "Who won?"

Our friends in the Attached Squadron are holding the usual arguments about the many mysteries, usages and customs of the Service, and generally end up by appealing to an instructor for a decision. One of the questions was this—"Does a man have to fall off his horse 20 or 25 times, before it is said that he knows how to ride?" The answer was that—"20 times is considered sufficient for a Subaltern's Certificate, 25 for a Field Officer."

When Sgt. Goodall was dis-

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charged to pension last summer the dignity of the Service suffered a great loss, by the removal of that famous moustache from our midst. Since then, however, we are glad to note, that Sgt. Langley, with his usual dash, has stepped into the breach, and produced an upper lip decoration equally if not more massive than Sgt. Goodall's.

He's Backed One—There is nothing in the world so disappointing as the dead sure thing that refuses to come to life.—Morden Times.

Too Much Salvation—"Maybe the country used to be better off in the old days when fewer people were trying to save it."—Winnipeg Free Press.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

CHAPTER FOUR (Continued.)

On Oct. 8th at 3 a.m. the Regiment left for the Brigade concentration point in the valley 300, West of Joncourt and arrived at 6.00 a.m. Left at 8 a.m. across country to East of Estress, thence along South Side of Road to Geneve. The orders were to follow the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, keeping close touch. Reached a point 500 yards West of Serain, where heavy shelling and bombing took place, and 15 O.R. were wounded. The Regiment moved back to Carrierre and watered horses for the first time in twenty-four hours. The night was spent in the open and as heavy frost prevailed all ranks suffered severely from exposure. The Brigade moved again at 5.30 a.m. with R.C.D. in Reserve and reached Maretz at 10.30 a.m. I Troop from "C" Squadron was despatched to take over Berthy from the L.S.H. and picked Eastern exits. At 2.30 p.m. "C" Squadron was ordered to capture Heumon, attacking from Berthy, 1 Troop of "A" Squadron was at-

tached to "C" for this operation. "C" Squadron, in conjunction with 1 Sq'dn F.G.H. took Heumon and as soon as this was done the Commanding Officer received orders from the Brigadier to push on and capture the final objective, the high ground North and slightly West of Le Cateau. On arriving at the place where he intended "Jumping off" from, he received a message that Major Newcomen with "C" Squadron was being counter attacked. The C.O. ordered three Troops from "B" Squadron to fill in the centre dismounted and to hold the enemy who could be seen advancing from the high ground about Le Cateau. "A" Squadron under Capt. Nordheimer, was despatched to make a mounted attack on the left flank. The C.O. then decided to push "B" Squadron forward and to leave word for Major Newcomen's Squadron to join the attack as soon as he could break off the engagement he was in. It was the C.O.'s intention to ride with "B" Squadron, but whilst he was walking back to his horse from a point where he had been reconnoitering, he was killed by a shell and the Adjutant wounded. In the loss of Lieut. Colonel Van Straubenzie the regiment suffered deeply, no Commanding Officer

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being more highly regarded by all ranks for his unceasing efforts on their behalf and his unfailing courtesy and consideration. Major T. Newcomen, M.C., assumed command of the Regiment and received instructions to get in touch with the L.S.H. at Troisvilles and reach the objective by an encircling movement via Rambourlieux Farm. This was accomplished successfully and posts were established along the high ground. Patrols entered Montay, but encountered no opposition. Heavy shelling took place during the night and early morning and an aeroplane was brought down by rifle fire about daybreak. The Brigade was relieved by the 7th Cavalry Brigade at 5 a.m. and the Regiment moved back to Troisvilles, where it remained until Oct. 15th, when the Brigade moved to the area Honnecourt-Bantouzele, moving to Bus on the 15th. The next few weeks were spent in re-organizing and re-equipment.

On November 6th the regiment left Bus and arrived at Baralie at 12.10 a.m., leaving there at 7.30 a.m. next morning and moving to Cuiney which was reached at 1 p.m. After several days on the march the regiment reached Per-

onnes and on November 11th acted as advance guard to the Brigade with "A" Squadron as left flank Guard to the Division. The Brigade halted at Tourpes at 10.40 while "A" Squadron which had lost touch halted at 11 a.m. at Gibecq. The cease fire was sounded at 11 a.m. and was heard by all with mingled feelings. After a few days spent in a much needed "clean up" in the back area, the march to the frontier commenced. On November 17th the Brigade left Maubray and arrived at Robecq-Rognon at noon 18th where it was received by the Burgomaster with much ceremony. The Regiment left at 6.15 a.m. November 21st and arrived at Wavre at 12.20 p.m. Here another ceremony took place the Commanding Officer being presented with a large bouquet of flowers. 1 Officer and 20 other ranks from the German Forces, who had been left behind at Wavre to hand over the guns, were escorted to the frontier by Lieut. Myles after having been roughly handled by the civilian inhabitants. The regiment arrived at Perwez on the 24th where it remained until December 15th, during this time exercise rides were

the order of the day and on the 12th the regiment was inspected by the Divisional Commander, General Harmon, and warmly complimented on its turn out. The regiment left Perwez on the 15th and arrived at Ramet at 11.30 a.m. 16th. Headquarters were in a Chateau which was used as an Officers' Club by the Regiment and a very enjoyable Xmas dinner was held by both men and officers in very comfortable surroundings. On February 28th the Regiment paraded for a farewell address by the Divisional Commander, who thanked all ranks for the good work done while in the Division. He read a letter from the former Divisional Commander Gen. MacAndrew, in which he said: "I congratulate you in getting the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in your Division. You will find them a true and loyal, hard working and hard fighting lot, and anything you ask them to do, rest assured it will be done if humanly possible." On March 2nd the regiment left Ramet and arrived in the Canadian Corps area, Marches les Dame the same day. The Cavalry Corps Commander, Lieut. Gen. Kavanagh, inspected the regiment on

the march and shook hands with about 50 of its oldest members, wishing them good luck and a speedy journey home. From the 3rd to 12th March the regiment remained in this area and with sorrowful hearts handed over their horses to the Belgian authorities. On the 13th it entrained at Nanache and arrived at Woincourt at 9.15 the 15th. Married personnel with wives in England were sent back in small detachments. A picked party was sent to Amiens where a tablet was erected and unveiled in memory of the Officers, N.C.Os and men of the regiment who had made the supreme sacrifice. The time in Havre was spent in demobilization duties and while the delay was irksome, all ranks cheerfully played the game. On April the 16th the regiment embarked and landed at Southampton on April 17th. The Brigade arrived at Bramshott Camp at 2 p.m. 17th and remained there until 21st May when it entrained for Liverpool, en route to Canada. The regimental strength on embarkation on S.S. Carmania was 15 Officers, 250 other ranks.

After a very uneventful voyage the Regiment landed at Halifax and proceeded to Toronto, arriving there on May 30th.

court to Warsy arriving at Ennemain on March 13th and became part of the 3rd Cavalry Division. Working parties were supplied and work commenced on the rear defences near Estrees.

CHAPTER FOUR.

1st Battle of the Somme 1918—
Battle of Picardie—Battle of
Avre—Battle of St. Quentin—
Battle of Amiens—St. Quentin
Canal—Battle of Cambria 1918.

During the night of 20th-21st March a very heavy bombardment by the enemy took place and at 8.30 a.m., March 21st, all working parties were cancelled and the Brigade ordered to "Stand To." At 2.30 p.m. orders were issued to march via Croix, Mollignaux, Matigny, Offoy, Esmery, Golancourt to Villeselve. The Regiment arrived at the latter place at 10.45 a.m. and received orders to supply a quota of Officers and Men to make a dismounted Battalion from the Brigade. The R.C.D. party under Major R. S. Timmis consisted of 238 all ranks with twelve Hotchkiss guns. This party did not rejoin the Regiment until March 26th and fought continuously during this period, suffering

casualties of 1 Officer wounded, 16 O.R. killed, 56 O.R. wounded and 13 missing. The Hotchkiss Gun Detachment did invaluable work during the fighting and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. On March 22nd the remainder of the Regiment marched via Guivy, Verugies, Apilly to Varennes and were rejoined by the led horses of the dismounted party there. On March 23rd orders were received to send a mounted party of 1 Officer and 50 men to form a special mounted Squadron from the Brigade under Lt.-Col. Stevenson, F.G.H. Lt. Cunningham commanded the R.C.D. detachment and was killed in action. On March 25th orders were received to mount every available man, discarding all marching order except arms, ammunition, and rations, and the following day this force, under Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzie, R.C.D., moved to a point immediately North of La Cloye near Sempigny, to support the French holding the river crossings. A patrol of 100 men under Capt. R. Nordheimer was sent to Sempigny with instructions to hold the river crossing there at all costs. On March 28th, a message having been received that the enemy had broken through at Montdidier, a defen-

sive position was taken up on the high ground north east of Lienvilliers. The Regiment, under orders from the French Corps, placed the village of Welles in a state of defence. On March 29th orders were issued for the Brigade to leave the French Army and march to Jumle but the R.C.D. horses being at Sains Marianvilliers, the Regiment marched alone via Tartigny, Faoulet, Flafloise, rejoining the Brigade at the Bois de Guyencourt and bivouacing in the wood about midnight 29th-30th.

Orders were issued at 3.30 p.m. to march at 6.30 a.m. for mounted action, it being intended to concentrate the Division in the Bois de Blangy, but on reaching the starting point all operations were postponed two hours. At 8.00 o'clock orders were received to move at once, the enemy having captured Mesieres and were advancing on Amiens. The Regiment formed the Advanced Guard to the Brigade, with "A" Squadron under Capt. Nordheimer in front and moved across country north of Bois de Senecat crossing the river at Castel. "A" Squadron passed through the French outposts and entered the Bois de Moreuil and dismounted under heavy rifle fire. "B" Squadron made an encircling

movement mounted round right flank while "C" Squad supported "A". The enemy was driven from the wood and in spite of heavy casualties the wood was held by the Brigade until relieved by the infantry on March 31st. Lt. A. V. S. Nordheimer was killed, 4 Officers wounded, 19 O.R. killed and 51 O.R. wounded and 19 O.R. missing during this operation.

(To be continued.)

The duties of a ground scout are "to inquire into the condition and fertility of the soil."

Sergeant to recruit—"If a cigarette paper were to blow against your head you would die of concussion of the brain."

Many members of old "C" Squadron regarded St. Patrick as the Patron Saint of the Squadron.

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"Dear Major Bowie,—

Just a note to express to you the thanks of our organization for your kindness in permitting your men to take part in the "assault-at-arms" held here last night, and also to express through you to your subordinates our gratitude for the spirit shown in coming here in the first instance, and for the very fine sportsmanship exhibited in the ring.

While Trooper Lawrence had his opponent's inferiority summed up, he did not take undue advantage and we all regret the accident that finished what was proving to be a very interesting and scientific encounter. Trooper Duffy was outclassed but stuck to his guns until he was carried from the ring. Trooper Dutton put up a great battle and won on points. He is an excellent specimen of gentlemanly manhood. We are grateful to the gentlemen who accompanied the above mentioned, as they showed their willingness to help us out whenever the occasion arose.

We trust that Trooper Lawrence's accident will not prove serious.

Again please accept our sincere thanks.

Yours very truly,

John W. D. White."

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

CHAPTER THREE.

(Continued.)

Battle of Bazentin Ridge.

Regimental, Brigade and Divisional exercises were carried out until April 9th when the Brigade moved to a new training area near Auchy les Hesdin, coming under the G.O.C. 3rd Cavalry Division for Administration. Intensive training was carried out until June 28th, when the regiment arrived at Bussy le Daours near the Somme and "stood to" waiting marching orders. On July 1st at 3 a.m. the Brigade moved to a position of readiness at Buire-sur-Ancre awaiting developments of the infantry attack, but at 6 o'clock orders were received to return to the former bivouacs. Working parties were furnished by all units until Sept. 1st at which date the regiment was at Neslette. Orders were received on September 6th to move forward again and the Brigade arrived at Querrieu the next day. After a week's training the Brigade moved up to Meaulte and at 4.30 a.m., Sept. 14th, it

moved to a position of readiness south of Mametz. After standing to all the 16th, orders were received on the 17th to return to Querrieu and for the second time the regiment was deprived of the long looked for chance to get at the enemy mounted.

Regimental and Divisional Schemes were continued until October 31st when orders were received to move into Winter billets at Woignarue, Bourseville near the sea. The unit was inspected on December 7th by the G.O.C., 2nd Indian Cavalry Division and by Lieut. General Kavanagh, Commanding the Cavalry Corps. The regiment supplied its quota to a Pioneer Battalion of 7 Officers and 251 O.R. which left for the Somme front and continued in billets during the winter, carrying out individual, troop, squadron, regimental and brigade training.

German Retreat to Hindenberg Line.

At 2 a.m. March 19th, 1917 orders were received to be ready to move at 11 a.m. In spite of the suddenness of the order and the difficulty experienced in assembling the new Hotchkiss Pack Equipment which had recently arrived, the Regiment marched at the required hour, a tribute to the interior economy and discipline prevailing. Dismounted reinforcements of 7 Officers and 123 O.R. were left behind, the Regimental Marching Out State showing a strength of 25 Officers 460 O.R. and 525 horses. After a three day march the Regiment relieved the 14th Corps Cavalry at Bois de Buire and patrolled the front between that place and Aizecourt-le-bas. Several encounters with enemy patrols took place and Lieut. Evan Price was awarded the Military Cross for successfully engaging enemy infantry in a mounted attack. The following telegram was received on March 26th by the O.C. from the G.O.C. 5th Cavalry Division: "Hearty congratulations to you and your Regiment on your good work to-day." Signed MacAndrew. On March 27th a telephone message was received to send two troops to reconnoitre and occupy Lieramont and two troops from "C" Squadron under Captain Newcomen occupied the village at 8 a.m. and held its under shell and rifle fire until relieved by the Infantry. After participating in an attack, carried out in a blinding snow storm, by the Fort Garry Horse and L. S. H. on Saulcourt and Guyencourt on March 27th, the regiment left on March 29th for Cappy. During the whole period of the operations just com-

pleted the weather was intensely cold and wet and both men and horses suffered severely from exposure. The following awards were made—Lieut. Price, Military Cross; SSM. Aisthorpe, Sgt. Goodall and Cpl. Nash, Military Medals.

Trench Warfare Once More.

After a period of refitting, the Brigade left Cappy on April 14th and marched via Fay-Estrees-Villers, Carbonnel-Brie to bivouacs between Athies and Devise. From April 15th to May 14th training was carried out but on the latter date a dismounted party under Lieut.-Colonel VanStraubenzie, relieved the Manchester Regiment in the trenches near Somerville Wood. Trench routine was carried on intermittently without anything of special interest occurring until July 8th a raiding party from the Brigade consisting of 1 squadron of F. G. H., 3 troops L. S. H. and forty men from R. C. D. under Capt. R. Nordheimer, carried out a very successful raid on the German trenches south of Buisson-Gaulaine. The R.C.D. party protected the right flank and Lieut. Price, who acted as Brigade Intelligence Officer, exploded the Bangalore Torpedo, which blew the gap in the German wire. 1 Officer and 35 O.R. with one M.G. were captured and large numbers were killed in dugouts. The regiment marched northward on October 6th, arriving in the Watou Area, 1 mile west of Poperinghe at 3.45 p.m. October 7th. The Brigade remained in this area in the open until October 16th when it moved to Boubers.

Battle of Cambrai—1917.

The Tank Attack, 20-21 Nov.

German Counter Attacks Nov. 30-Dec. 3rd.

On November 20th the Brigade having arrived at the forward concentration point of the Division near Fins, the Regiment off saddled and rested. At 6.20 a.m. the 3rd Army attacked the German lines in front of Cambrai. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade, with the Fort Garry Horse as Advance Guard and R.C.D. as Reserve acted as Advance Guard to the Division and moved with all possible speed from Gouzeacourt to the crossing of the Canal de L'Escaut at Masnieres. They arrived just west of Masnieres at 2.15 p.m., but found that the enemy was still in possession of the Masnieres-Beaurevoir line. One Squadron F.G.H. succeeded in crossing, but the remainder of the Brigade was ordered to retire to a sunken road where they spent the night. On Novem-

ber 21st the R.C.D. were detailed as Advance Guard to the Brigade with orders to advance, cross the Canal and move around the right flank at Rumilly. On reaching Masnieres it was reported that a German counter attack had pushed back our infantry from the Bridge and the operation was suspended. On November 22nd the regiment was withdrawn to Equancourt arriving at 1 p.m. Since the 7th the men had had no sleep horses had only been watered. The Brigade was withdrawn Mericourt at 1.45 p.m. Nov. 2

At 9.15 a.m. orders were received to be in readiness to move half an hour's notice and at 9.20 a message was received for the Brigade to concentrate at X roads Estrees-en-Chasse. The regiment reached this point at 10.30 a.m. and marched via Roisel Faucon to Jacquene Court at 3.30 p.m. the advance was ordered and R.C.D. Advance came under fire and front of the Infantry Lt Squadron were ordered to Vaucelle Farm but bridge occupied. On December an attack was carried mounted on German positions in conjunction with the F. G. H. which was successful. Brigade was withdrawn reserve at Roisel and Montecourt on Dec. 17th

The Raid on Lily Trench

On January 26th, 1918, 9 officers and 213 other ranks paraded and went across country to Jeancourt-Le Verguier Vall and took over trenches from the 19th Hussars. On February 13th the regiment carried out a raid on Lily Trench when 1 officer and 12 O.R. were captured and many killed. The casualties in the Unit were 2 officers wounded and 16 O.R. all very slight. Congratulatory messages were received from the C. in C., The Army Commander, Gen. Gough, Cavalry Corps G.O.C., Gen. MacAndrew; Gen. Seeley, C.R.A.; Gen. Daly, 24th Division; Gen. Seligson. The following awards were granted: Major Bowie, Lieut. Price, D.S.O.; Capt. Newcomen, Lieut. Gwyn, Lieut. Cunningham, Lieut. Le Mesurier, Military Crosses; SSM. Aisthorpe, Sgt. Martin, Cpl. Walsh, D.C.M.; Sgt. Olmstead, Belgian Croix de Guerre.

Trench routine and working parties continued from this date till 6th of March, when the regiment entrained for Longpre and reorganized. On March 9th the regiment marched via Amiens to Oresmaux and on the 10th marched via Jumel, Moreuil, Daven-

General Sir Arthur Currie by
Major General Sir Archibald
Macdonnell.

The Royal Canaeian Dragoons.

CHAPTER FOUR

(Continued.)

On April 1st a dismounted detachment from the Regiment, under Capt. Newcomen was ordered to carry out an attack in conjunction with the F.G.H. and L.S.H. on Rifle Wood. This attack was completely successful resulting in the capture of the wood and 100 prisoners with 13 machine guns. On April 4th, the Army Commander, Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry Rawlinson, addressed the Unit on parade, thanking them for their services during the recent operations and stating that the two actions on March 31st and April 1st materially assisted in saving Amiens.

The following awards were made: Bar to M.C., Lieut. Le-Mesurier; M.C., Lt. Jarvis, Lieut. Cochran; D.C.M., S.S.M. Copeland; Bar to M.M., Sgt. Parkinson, M.M.; Military Medal, Pte. Palmer, Pte. Karcher, Pte. Warlow, Pte. Bersey, Pte. Maxwell, Pte. Harrington, Pte. Wilson, Sgt. Dunbar and Sgt. King. From April 7th to 14th the Regiment was on the move, the Brigade acting as a mobile reserve.

The following letter was received by the Commanding Officer from Brig-General Sadler-Jackson, Commanding 54th Infantry Brigade in token of appreciation of the services rendered by the Dismounted party under Major Timmis, who received the D.S.O.:

"I shall take it as a favour if you will convey to the Royal Canadian Dragoons who came to the assistance of the 54th Inf. Bde. on the Crozart Canal on the 23rd March, our deep appreciation and gratitude for the splendid way in which they co-operated during the enforced retirement. I can assure you that this is the universal feeling throughout the Brigade. God grant that if ever the 54th Bde. are again in a tight corner they may be lucky enough to find themselves side by side with the Royal Canadian Dragoons."

Battle of Amiens.

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wedge of riding, so was given over to training and equitation until August 5th. On the 6th August the Regiment marched from Conde Folie to Amiens and arrived there at 1.45 a.m. on the 7th. The day was spent in making final arrangements and explaining impending operations. At 8.45 p.m. the Unit marched via Amiens to a point on the Blancy-Troville-St. Nicholas Road, arriving at 12.30 a.m. At 4.20 a.m. on the 8th the attack from Marcelcave to Amiens-Roye Rd. commenced by the Canadian and Australian Corps supported by the 3rd British Corps, and at 4.50 a.m. the Brigade moved to Cachy. At 7.30 a.m. the Bde. marched along the Cavalry track to N.E. edge of Bois de Hangard across what had been the German front line and at 8.00 a.m. passed through the 3rd Canadian Division and crossed the river at Ignacourt supported by whippet tanks. At 9.30 a.m. the Brigade "jumped off" from the T roads South of Ignacourt for the high ground East of Beaucourt. The L.S.H. were on the right, with R.C.D. on the left and F.G.H. in reserve. "C" Squadron acted as a Regimental advanced guard and after three successive bounds under heavy machine gun fire from the woods North and East of Beaucourt and from the village, reached the objective and joined up with the L.S.H. on the right. The left flank was exposed as the 7th British Cavalry Bde. had not advanced further than the village. The frontage allotted to the Regt. was so small that it did not permit of anything but a mounted frontal attack, in consequence of which 2 Officers and 7 O.R. were killed, 47 wounded and 6 missing, together with 125 horses, made up the day's casualties. At 8.00 p.m. the Regiment was ordered to return to the wood South of Cayeux and "stood to" saddled up all night. The Regiment remained in the wood till 5.00 a.m. 10th August, when they moved to the valley behind wood South of Caix. At 12.45 a.m. orders were received to move up to a position just East of Warvillers and at 3.00 p.m. orders were issued to go through the Infantry East of Le Quesnoy and seize the high ground N.E. of Roye. This operation turned out to be impossible owing to the wire and trenches and after the F.G.H. and L.S.H. had suffered severely, it was cancelled.

On August 11th the Brigade was withdrawn to Cottenchy and while there a party of Officers visited Morieul Wood and re-interred the body of Lieut. A. V. S. Nordheimer erecting a cross over his grave.

The brigade moved via Amiens. Picquiny to Hangest and on the 21st to Domart. On August 25th the Regiment moved to Tollent and bivouaced on three hours notice to move. After marching to Monchel the Regiment remained there from September 1st to the 25th, the Brigade being G.H.Q. reserve. On Sept. 25th moved to Curly, leaving there on the 29th and marched via Clery, Allaines, Mt. St. Quentin, Peronne, Estress, Poeuilly to bivouac in Cauliancourt Wood. On Oct. 1st the camp was bombed, 1 O.R. being killed and 17 being wounded, together with 13 horses. On Oct. 2nd left bivouac and marched via Vermand, Bihecourt to Vadencourt, but returned on the 3rd. Left again in the evening and moved up to Bellinglise passing on the way, the old line occupied during the spring and early summer of 1917 and winter of 1916. Moved back to Vermand and remained in the valley till Oct. 8th, being bombed nearly every night.

(To be concluded.)

The Letter Box.

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